

**CITY OF
WEST CHICAGO**

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017
7:00 p.m. – Committee Room A**

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order Establish a Quorum**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Environmental Commission Meeting of January 18, 2017**
3. **Public Participation/Presentations**
4. **Review and Discuss Commission Priority List**
 - A. **Current List**
 - B. **New Additions**
5. **Other Business**
6. **Adjournment**

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

February 22, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Mike Ferguson, and Kris Zimmermann present. Commissioners Bethany Brown and Bob Blaus were absent.

Also in attendance was Assistant Director of Public Works, Tim Wilcox.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of December 14, 2016. Commissioner Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Symowicz.

Voting Yea: Commissioners Ferguson, Symowicz, and Beebe. Voting Nay: 0. Commissioner Zimmermann abstained.

3. Public Participation/Presentations.

Darrah Beebe attended tonight's meeting. He introduced himself as a High School Senior and Member of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) working towards achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He said by attending our Environmental Commission meeting he would achieve a Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

4. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

A. Review current priority list

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

Discussion of the draft write up for the Monarch pledge intended to be presented to the Infrastructure Committee for their review continued from the last meeting. A copy of the draft agenda summary was distributed by Mr. Wilcox and critiqued. The timing for submission and approval was discussed. It is expected the item will be ready to go to the March 2, 2017 Infrastructure meeting, if they agree to support the recommendations a Resolution would be prepared for the April 6, 2017 Committee meeting and could then be approved at the April 17, 2017 City Council meeting, just in time for Blooming Fest.

Blooming Fest

The 2017 Blooming Fest event will be held on Saturday May 20, 2017. Commissioner Blaus sent an email before the meeting indicating he had made arrangements to reserve the Solar House for the day of the event. He also provided information on milkweed seeds, which would need to be placed in a freezer to simulate winter dormancy Mr. Wilcox was asked to contact Groot for promotional items to handout at the event. The magnetic chip clip was very popular last year. Chairman Beebe said he will complete the application material for the booth and turn in.

Street Light Request Policy

Mr. Wilcox believes he has copies of most of the material he provided to former Commissioner Tony Lewis. He did not receive anything that Mr. Lewis had prepared himself so the group will address this item at the next meeting.

Annual Paper Shredding Event

Mr. Wilcox said he needs to complete the permit application form for this event and asked about possibly hosting the event a different location than City Hall this year, due to the backup of traffic it caused on Main Street last year. He mentioned two possible locations, 1400 Hawthorne, the Water Treatment Plant, or the METRA parking lot. He was reminded that part of the problem was the rain which affected the truck mounted shredder requiring it to be shut down and cleared of wet paper jams numerous times.

Commissioner Beebe indicated he would not be available to attend the event this year. It was suggested this item be discussed at the next meeting when more members were in attendance.

Rain Barrel Sale

Chairman Beebe asked Mr. Wilcox if he had heard from Jim Kleinwachter from the Conservation Foundation regarding rain barrel sales. He had not. Chairman Beebe will attempt to contact him to get this process started.

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Not discussed.

Lighting Ordinance

Not discussed.

B. Discuss new additions to priority list

None.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Ferguson announced he did not attend the last Sustain DuPage meeting on February 2, 2017. He asked if anyone would like to take his place for future meetings. Commissioner Beebe said this should also be discussed at the next meeting when more members are in attendance. Commissioner Zimmermann believes it would be a good idea to continue to have someone there since it is a County wide group that attends.

Commissioner Zimmermann asked if anyone else had noticed a plastic odor in the late hours of the night. She and her husband had recently noticed this not too long ago. No one else had noticed. She will try to get details of the time and possible wind direction next time. It was also suggested she could call 911 and report it as a non-emergency concern.

6. Adjournment

At 8:10 P.M. Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works